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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 344

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 2-5-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]:

Chapter 27. Legislative Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Sec. 1. The legislative commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs is established.

Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall do the following:

- (1) Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino communities.**
- (2) Promote cooperation and understanding between the Hispanic/Latino communities and other communities throughout Indiana.**
- (3) Report to the legislative council concerning Hispanic/Latino issues, including the following:**
 - (A) Conditions causing exclusion of Hispanics/Latinos from the larger Indiana community.**
 - (B) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce development.**
 - (C) Measures to sustain cultural diversity while improving race and ethnic relations.**
 - (D) Public awareness of issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino communities.**



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(E) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local government services by Hispanics/Latinos.

(F) Challenges and opportunities arising out of the growing Hispanic/Latino population.

(b) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the legislative council or as directed by its chairman.

(c) The commission may make legislative recommendations to the general assembly.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of nineteen (19) members appointed as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the senate, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Four (4) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Four (4) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) The secretary of family and social services or the secretary's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the office of the secretary of family and social services.

(6) The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the state department of health.

(7) The state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the state department of education.

(8) The commissioner of the department of correction or the commissioner's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the department of correction.

(9) The director of the civil rights commission or the director's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the civil rights commission.

(10) The director of the department of commerce or the director's designee who shall be a Hispanic or Latino employee of the department of commerce.

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(11) A Hispanic or Latino business person, appointed by the governor.

In making their appointments under this section, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall attempt to have the greatest number of counties represented on the commission.

(b) The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a legislative member of the commission to serve as chairman. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative council, the new chairman may remove the chairman of the commission and appoint another chairman.

(c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases being a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

(d) A member of the commission may be removed at any time by the appointing authority who appointed the member.

(e) If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position has become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

Sec 4. The commission shall operate under the rules of the legislative council.

Sec. 5. (a) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the commission.

(b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative services agency or the legislative council.

Sec. 6. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

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President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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